

## Highway and Bridge Construction Schedule RSMo 21.795.2(3)

### Introduction

The information in this section is in accordance with the highlighted portion in the following section of the reporting statute. *"(3) The proposed allocation and expenditure of moneys and **the proposed work plan for the current fiscal year, at least the next four years**, and for any period of time expressed in any public transportation plan approved by either the general assembly or by the voters of Missouri. This proposed allocation and expenditure of moneys shall include the amounts of proposed allocation and expenditure of moneys in each of the categories listed in subdivision (1) of this subsection; ..."* Section 21.795.2(3), RSMo Supp. 2000 (emphasis added).

The development of the 2003 – 2007 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program was postponed until MoDOT learned the outcome of the Proposition B funding issue on the statewide ballot this past August. Passage of this proposition would have increased the funding levels for the department and had an impact on the STIP, the department's 5-year construction plan.

Over the past six months, MoDOT has looked at various funding distributions to determine the appropriate direction for transportation investments based on the public's priorities – safety, taking care of the existing system and keeping our transportation commitments. The recognition of Springfield as a Transportation Management Area also impacts our current method of distributing funds.

Due to the current schedules and contracting needs, the Nov. 10, 2002, deadline for the Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight report, the change of Springfield's status as a TMA and the lack of a decision regarding funding distribution, there is not adequate time to develop a 2003 – 2007 STIP.

The 2002 Report to the Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight includes the 2002 – 2006 STIP and a list of 2003 project amendments. Estimated total funds available for state fiscal year 2007 are \$783,000,000. Of this total amount, about \$170,000,000 is available for preliminary and construction engineering, \$25,000,000 is available for right of way and \$588,000,000 is available for contracts. Projects for 2007 have not yet been identified. They will be determined as the 2004 – 2008 STIP is developed.

MoDOT is determining a direction for the 2004 – 2008 STIP. The direction is based on the department's strategic plan, which outlines two main priorities – 1) to take care of the existing system, and 2) to finish what has been started. The department is proposing that the 2004 – 2008 STIP reflects a greater investment in rehabilitation and reconstruction needs across the state by gradually increasing these funds each of the five plan years.